Government of India (Ministry of Finance) Gazette Notification No. 294/90-Customs dated 17-12-1990. The Department of Electronics will consider the applications for registration as recognised training institutions for the import of computer system and will examine aspects like infrastructural facilities, faculty and activities to ascertain the capability of the institute for imparting training and also that they are not engaged in any commercial activity other than computer training. After recognition by the Department of Electronics, the applications for the import of computer system will be considered by the Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee (IMSC) of the Department of Electronics on mini-computer/microprocessor based items and computer software for import clearance. It is expected that there will be no adverse effect on the indigenous computer manufacturers.

Streamlining of MRTP Act

826. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to streamline the existing system of MRTP approval and also to rationalise it in coordination with the Industrial licensing approval under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951;

(b) if so, the details of changes proposed to be made in the MRTP Act; and

(c) to what extent the industries/export houses are likely to be benefited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The streamlined procedure proposed to be followed envisages that the Approval Committees would give specific recommendations with regard to MRTP clearance as well as industrial licensing in respect of each proposal. In order to enable the Committee to take an integrated view, comments from the MRTP angle will be given as far as possible when the case is considered by the Approval Committee in the Secretariat for Industrial Approvals.

MRTP companies have accordingly been advised to submit applications under Sections 21 & 22 of the MRTP Act, 1969, complete in all respects, well in time, duly accompanied by the requisite application fee and copies of general notice in terms of Rule 4A of the MRTP Rules, 1970. No change in the MRTP Act, 1969 is required for the purpose.

The proposed procedure will substantially reduce the time taken in issue of approvals under the I(D&R) Act and Sections 21 & 22 of the MRTP Act to the applicant MRTP companies.

Arrests of ULFA activists

827. SHRI KHYOMO LOTHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many ULFA activists have been arrested since the imposition of President's Rule in the State of Assam;

(b) how many persons have been killed by the militant activists in Assam since then; and

(c) how many amongst the persons killed by the militants were Congress(I) workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) Since the imposition of the President's Rule in Assam, 2766 ULFA activists have been arrested. 61 persons have been killed by the militants since then, out of whom 20 are reported to be Congress(I) workers.